DENTON UTILITY COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES

October 21, 2026 | 4:00 p.m.

Present were:

Leroy Woomer, Chair; Lee Tillery, Vice Chair; Annette Wales, Secretary; Ann Jacobs, Member; and Scott Getchell, Town Administrator.

1. Approval of Minutes

July 15, 2026: The minutes were reviewed. Mr. Tillery moved to approve the minutes, and Mr. Woomer seconded the motion.

September 16, 2026: Mr. Woomer moved to approve the minutes, and Mr. Tillery seconded the motion.

2. Open Issues

Sludge Management Upgrade: Mr. Getchell stated the improvement design drawings will be approximately 60% complete next month. Construction is scheduled to begin in October 2027. A meeting was held with the Maryland Department of the Environment (MDE) financial division, during which outstanding programmatic requirements were explained. Mr. Tillery offered to assist with reviewing the documents for clarity at the next meeting. A follow-up meeting with MDE is to be arranged.

Fiber Optic Broadband: No new updates were reported.

Lead Service Line Inventory: A response is being prepared to the proposed $3 million in loan forgiveness funding. A proposal is being sought from George, Miles & Buhr (GMB), an engineering firm experienced in utility projects, to prioritize the work and develop a plan for the most effective use of the available funding, which is insufficient to complete the entire project. Katie Northam is efficiently leading this project progress in the current phase to comply with this mandate.

Wastewater Treatment Plant Performance Issues: Performance results have improved and are approaching compliance. Mr. Getchell expressed increased optimism that compliance can be achieved by the end of the year. Last year's $30,000 operations and maintenance grant, awarded for exceeding required performance standards, was reinvested in replacing worn equipment to help maintain compliance. Receipt of the $30,000 grant is not anticipated this year.

Other Open Issues: None.

3. New Business

Wastewater Treatment Plant Future Expansion: By consensus, the Commission deferred discussion until the November 18, 2026, meeting so Mr. Lister could attend. Mr. Getchell noted that the current budget does not include funding for the evaluation.

Other New Business: None.

4. Adjournment

Ms. Jacobs moved to adjourn the meeting, and Mr. Tillery seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 4:32 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Annette Wales, Secretary